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My dear Friend and Cousin

The

Kind reception I met with in your family on a late visit, passing through Boston, demands from me some acknowledgment. I had long heard of you "by good report and by evil report" and much talked of, as the friend of the Negro, receiving him in your house and heart, as a fellow creature, made by the same divine hand as the white man, but unfortunately of "flesh & blood" cruelly taken and bound in iron and chains, and held in bondage for no other reason, than, he was a black man: but these days

of cruelty are gone by, thanks to
God, never, I trust, to be re-enacted
and I congratulate you, with others,
of a kindred spirit, possessed of
general benevolence and entertain-
ing good will to all men that your
prayers, and efforts, through a
blackened character, and at the
sacrifice of life, and all that was
esteemed good, you have come
off, "more than conquerors through
him that has conquered" thus having
the approval of a good Conscience and
the blessing of God, which no one
can doubt, to crown your Philan-
thropic labors, with peace and hap-
piness, now in your declining days...
May your days be long and happy
and finally ended in full fruition

of a glorious immortality unto
Eternal life — "Well done good
and faithful Servant enter thou
into the joy of thy Lord" —

I am happy, I say,
in the Providence of God, to have
met with you, and your dear
family, to know, and be known
and be privileged with a per-
sonal interview. — The few
hours I spent in your peaceful,
quiet, and lovely habitation,
will long be remembered and I
ask pardon for all defects, you
may have observed in me, from
the fact, that I have not mingled
much in society, have not been
scholarly educated, and know-
ledge of things somewhat limited

I have been reading the books you gave me, in which, I am much interested. - Bye the bye, I missed one thing in the parcel - your Photograph and that of your daughter I think. - Did I not understand you to say, that I should have them? No doubt in some way in putting up the books, you have forgot them.

My kind and sincere regards to your Wife, in affliction, may she be sustained by the good Spirit of God, under all her trials, and be happy unto the end of life and that to come. - To William Lloyd Jr and to Frank my best wishes for their happiness and welfare, and thank ~~them kindly~~ for their kind assistance, to help me on my journey, "as a stranger and foreigner", homeward (Washington) and I must not forget the Ladies of the household their smiles and kind reception made all pleasant. My love to them. - I have only ~~room~~ to add. Adieu dear friend
Wm. A. Garrison